

Friday 16 June 2023

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**Bottled water requests** The catering team are receiving an unprecedented number of requests for bottled water, due to the very warm weather. Please bear in mind bottled water is meant for recognised staff cooling stations, or areas where it is a formal requirement for some other reason. The water from cold taps is safe to drink, unless you have been explicitly told otherwise. We have finite storage for water deliveries, and we are limited by delivery frequencies in what we can supply. Please bear this in mind before placing an order, to ensure we have enough to go round, we fulfil the needs of the identified cooling stations, and we are able to manage both the costs and the waste aspect of bottled water.

**Aberdeenshire vaccination contact centre – number change** The telephone number for the Aberdeenshire vaccination contact centre will change on Saturday 1 July. **The new number is 01224 555 333.** This number is currently used for contact regarding the following: childhood immunisations, 'flu, COVID-19, schools, shingles and pneumococcal. Please update any records you may have with this new number and share this information with colleagues as required.

**HEPMA - What you need to know** The HEPMA (Hospital Electronic Prescribing and Medication Administration) system has been in place in our first wards for several days now. With staff adapting well to the new system, interest across the rest of our wards and hospitals has increased. To better help you understand the system and its benefits, you can view a handy FAQ by [clicking here](#)

**Miscarriage & work/infertility & work** MISS, the miscarriage support charity, are running a series of lunch and learn workshops, aimed at improving support at working for people dealing with miscarriage or infertility. There are five sessions in total, with two taking place this month:

- Infertility & work – Best Workplace Practice on 28 June
- Infertility & work – how can we better support colleagues? On 30 June

[Details of all the workshops, along with registration, are available via this Eventbrite link.](#)

**That was the week that was** Not sure when a particular item was featured? Here are this week's highlights. [All briefs are available to read on the NHS Grampian website.](#)

Monday 12 – reminder about staying off with enteric illnesses, change to Scottish Fire & Rescue response to fire alarms

Tuesday 13 – confirmation of industrial action by BMA Scotland junior doctor members, issue with pads on Automatic External Defibrillators

Wednesday 14 – industrial action and workplace civility, latest eESS newsletter, next meeting of Staff Equalities Network

Thursday 15 – referring for blood tests at Secondary Care Hubs, reminder of glove use survey

**STAR Award** Not one, but two presentations to share this week! Huge congratulations to the portering Patient Movement Evening Team (Harry, Simon, and Robert collected the award on behalf of the team) and Lisa McDowall (SCN, Jubilee Hospital) on their STAR Awards. If you would like to nominate a colleague – or a team – for a STAR Award, [you can either complete this online form](#) or email the details to [gram.staffthanksandrecognition@nhs.scot](mailto:gram.staffthanksandrecognition@nhs.scot)

**Tune of the day** I am packing in the requests today! First up, the South Torry Community Nursing Team are collectively wishing Lauren Oliver all the best as she finishes up on maternity leave. They've asked for [I've Been Waiting for You](#).

Next up; the Newborn Hearing Screening Team want to mark Alison Thomson's 60<sup>th</sup> birthday this weekend. Alison had great plans to run a marathon to mark this occasion, but ill health has prevented this and keeps her away from work at present. Alison, the team say you are the most thoughtful & selfless person, and they can't wait to have you back at work. For you, [Rod Stewart and his Hot Legs](#).

Finally, Steve Marjoribanks has his final day at work today. Over to you Steve:

"I'd like to request [Dobie Grey's Drift Away](#). Specifically verse 3 - Thanks for the joy that you've given me, I want you to know I believe in your song, and rhythm and rhyme and harmony, you've helped me along, makin' me strong. I dedicate this song to the tireless, fearless, compassionate and rather fabulous colleagues I have been fortunate enough to work alongside in Critical Care. You all make a difference, even when you cannot see it. Every day. Even when its hidden and small and obscured by the drama of the day. It *is* there; it is everywhere and woven into the fabric of everything you do. It is seen by many and felt by all who use our service. Thank you for shining the brightest light on the darkest days. Look after our unit and each other."

Different people, different songs, but united by the love and support we give to, and receive from, our work families. Fa's like us? Have a great weekend. I'll be exclusively staying in the shade. The brief will return on Monday (EP)

If you want to request a tune, follow up on items included in this brief, or suggest an item for sharing, drop us an email via [gram.communications@nhs.scot](mailto:gram.communications@nhs.scot)